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55/15. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/9 of 22 October 1998 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,[1]

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolutions 47/20 A of 24 November 1992, 47/20 B of 20 April 1993, 48/27 B of 8 July 1994, 49/5 of 21 October 1994, 49/27 B of 12 July 1995, 50/86 B of 3 April 1996, 51/4 of 24 October 1996 and 53/9 of 22 October 1998,

Welcoming the upcoming Summit of the Americas to be held in Quebec City, Canada, from 20 to 22 April 2001,

Welcoming also resolution AG/RES.1733 (XXX-O/00), adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States at its thirtieth regular session, by which it declared 2001 as the Inter-American Year of the Child and the Adolescent, and related efforts in the Americas to address emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century, during lead-up to the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children,

[1] A/55/184.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States[1] and his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Also takes note with satisfaction* of the exchanges of information between the United Nations and the Organization of American States in the context of the work of the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti and of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;

3. *Recognizes* the work of the Organization of American States towards the promotion of democracy in the Americas, in the field of regional cooperation and in connection with its task of coordination with the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to strengthen cooperation with inter-American institutions in various fields, including hemispheric integration, statistics and women and development;

5. *Recommends* that a general meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States be held in 2001 for the continued review and appraisal of cooperation programmes and of other matters to be mutually decided upon;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the exchange with the Organization of American States of information and substantive reports on the advancement in the status of women, on matters relating to youth and on the eradication of poverty;

7. *Emphasizes* that the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States should be undertaken in accordance with their respective mandates, scope and composition and be suited to each specific situation, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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